

REMARKS

By this Amendment, applicants cancel claims 1-24 as originally filed and published in WO 2004/002802 for the International application No. PCT/IB2003/002512, and add a new set of claims 25-42, in order to clarify the subject matter of the application, to avoid multiple dependency, and to comply with US patent rules. In making these revisions care has been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been added.

Applicants bring to the attention of the examiner that, although an amendment was made in the PCT application, and claims as amended by the amendment appeared in the ANNEXES to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER), the amendment was not entered and the IPER was "established as if the amendment had not been made" (see p. 5 of the IPER enclosed with this application). Therefore, the present Amendment is based on the published application and not on the amendment of the Annexes.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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